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SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1904.

Unpaid Taxes.

Tax Collector Foster has prepared the
list of delinquent taxpayers for publica-
tion and the advertisement of the
list will begin July 23d. There have
been important changes in the tax laws
of the State which will interest all tax-
payers. The taxes will be due and
payable hereafter in December instead
of October, as before. The law also
makes it imperative upon the authori-
ties to advertise and sell property on
which taxes for the preceding year are
unpaid on July 1. The act also provides
means whereby any property owner who
thinks he is being discriminated against
or who wishes to know the amount of
his neighbor's assessment, can easily
get the desired information. It also
provides that assessors must file a copy
of the assessments with the clerk of the
municipality, and this list must be kept
open at all times for inspection of tax-
payers. It is believed that this provi-
sion will be the means of remedying
inequalities, because, as a rule, under
the old act, assessors have refused ac-
cess to their books and denied citizens
the privilege of examining their as-
sessments.There is also an important change in
the law in the proceeding for the sale of
the property of delinquents. Under the
old law it was necessary for municipal
bodies to issue warrants for the sale of
lands bearing delinquent taxes, and the
original owners had twenty years in
which to redeem the lands so sold. The
new law provides that persons buying
the land under the conditions mentioned
may proceed after two years to sue in
the Court of Chancery for a settlement
of a deed.

More Voting Machines.

The use of voting machines at the last
general election in this State proved so
satisfactory that the Board of Voting
Machine Commissioners has advertised
for 190 more of a certain kind, in accord-
ance with an act of the Legislature
approved April 8, 1903. All the
machines must conform to and meet all the
requirements of that act, and must be
of a kind, style or pattern which has
been or may hereafter be approved by
the State Board of Voting Machine
Commissioners in conformity with the
laws of this State. All the machines
must provide facilities for voting for the
candidates of at least seven different
parties or organizations, and for not less
than thirty candidates of each party or
organization, and for and against at
least fifteen different questions or
amendments. All machines must be
capable of registering 999 votes for each
and every candidate, and be supplied
with a booth, canopy, curtain or other
contrivance so arranged or affixed as to
insure secrecy when used, and must be
suitably encased and delivered at any
place within the State as directed by the
commissioners on or before the fifteenth
day of September next.Proposals are also invited for 190 ma-
chines that shall provide facilities for
not less than forty candidates of each
party or organization; the proposals to
state the kind or style of machines pro-
posed to be furnished, and the price for
the entire 190 machines and for any
number less than 190, which price, in no
case, shall be more than \$500 for each
machine with model, delivered.

The Civic Union

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:
Sir: In last week's issue of the
CITIZEN in your article on the excessive
rates charged by the water company,
you suggested it was the matter for the
Board of Trade and Civic Union to take
up. I fully agree with you as to the
Board of Trade—the matter being
purely commercial. The Civic Union
being a political organization, it is en-
tirely out of its province to take any
lead in the matter. However, if desir-
ed, the Civic Union will be pleased to
join with the Board of Trade and lend
any assistance in its power.

Yours respectfully,

W. M. S. S. ROWLAND.

Dropped Punk in Powder.

Edward Forstch, fourteen years old,
son of Mrs. Peter Forstch of Baldwin
Street, while loading a canteen Monday
accidentally dropped a piece of punk in
some powder, with the result that he
was severely burned about the face and
eyes. Dr. E. M. Ward attended him.Death of Edward G. Ward, Jr.
Edward Griffith Ward, aged twenty-
seven years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward
G. Ward of Beach street, was killed on
Monday, July 4th, by the premature dis-
charge of some explosive material
which he was preparing to set off. As
there was no immediate eye witness of
the event it is not definitely known
just how it hap-ened.The accident occurred at Mt. Vernon,
New York, on Monday evening. The in-
jured man was quickly taken to a hospital
and died a few minutes after reaching
there.Mr. Ward left his home here about
noontime on Monday and went to Mt.
Vernon to spend the afternoon with a
friend, John Ferriss. A party of young
folks were there and were celebrating the
Fourth.The tragic death of young Mr. Ward
was a terrible shock to his parents and
also to a wide circle of friends.Mr. Ward was a bright, energetic, ac-
tive young man. He was popular
among the younger element in local
social circles and took an active part in
the young people's social enjoyments.He was a member of the First Presby-
terian Church with which the Ward fam-
ily has been indentified almost since
that church was organized.He had a promising business career
and was connected with the firm of H.
B. Craig & Co., a wholesale paper house,
in which his father is a member of the
firm.Young Mr. Ward took a deep interest
in chemistry and physics and did much
experimenting in these branches of
science and it is believed that he was
in the act of trying an experiment with
explosives when he met his death.The funeral service took place at the
family home Thursday afternoon and
was conducted by the Rev. George L.
Curtis. Many friends were present and
numerous floral tributes were laid on
the casket containing the remains of the
young man whose sad and untimely
death is deeply mourned throughout
the town, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward have
the profound sympathy of the entire
community in their severe affliction.

In Memoriam—Edward G. Ward, Jr.

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it
was, and the spirit shall return unto God who
gave it."With such words as these we are ac-
customed to bury our dead; with a
promise such as this do we endeavor to
reconcile ourselves to the manifestations
of that Power which is mightier than we.
With everything to live for, our
best are snatched from our arms, and
we are left behind, broken-hearted, to
bear our several burdens, desolate and
alone. No more the cheery greeting,
no more the silent grip of the hand that
speaks far more than words. How we
miss our loved ones as we travel some
well-remembered path! How our loss
is brought home, with measure filled to
overflowing, as we hear some bit of
melody associated only too closely with
one we have "loved long since and lost
alike!"Such a one to his friends was Edward
G. Ward. Ready to serve, he could also
lead, as his life amongst his fellows can
testify. Kindly he was, with that gen-
tleness and rare sympathy that drew to
him instantly the love of every little
child he knew or met. Indeed, it was
strange to find so strongly developed in
a man that tenderness and love for a
child. No task too difficult, no trouble
too great for him to undergo to please
small friends of his. Many a little
heart, that counts its friends only by
instinct as yet, is aching to-day with
our common loss.Of a character that was strong and
honest, he added thereto a keen sense of
honor. No criticism, however personal,
provoked retaliation in kind; a spirit of
tolerance, gathered from a broad view
of life, pervaded his every thought and
deed. Spending most of his years in
the town where he was born, he was
known by men in every sphere of life,
and loved by all who knew him. Hon-
est and open by nature, he was always
the first to give credit where it was due,
never being betrayed by position or
power.Realizing his duty to his town, he was
foremost in providing for its entertain-
ment, and was never happier than when
he had gathered together his little band
of associates and cemented more strongly
their friendship one with another.Fearless, too, he was, with a fearlessness
that shirked no danger for himself,
or allowed another to enter where he
dared not tread. Indeed, it was this
very quality that robbed us of him, for
death snatched him in his all-enveloping
arms when braving danger to add even a
little to the pleasure of his friends.Open-handed and open-hearted, with
a thoughtfulness for others beyond his
years, to know him was to love him, and
to know him intimately only to love him
the more. Happy in his home and
friends, whether business or social, his
character had woven in its warp and
woof that bright thread of parental
honor that proclaims the man a man.God in His infinite wisdom has seen
it to take him to Himself, and leave to
us the sorrow and the pain of parting.The steady ship sail on to their haven under
the billows. But oh, for the touch of a vanished hand, the
sound of a voice that is still!

K. G. D.

The purity, grace, and style of glass-
ware found at the Dorflinger Glass
Stores is beyond imitation. For June
wedding gifts call at 3 & 5 West 19th
St., near 5th Ave., and 36 Murray Street,
New York.—Add.

Not Possible.

The familiar with the condi-
tions prevailing in the local fire depart-
ment, it is apparent that it is not
expedient for the officials of this town
to comply with the request of the
Belleville officials, asking that fire pro-
tection be furnished to that portion of
Belleville adjoining this town by the
local fire department.The fire department of this town is
made up of volunteer members, who,
while in case of emergency or an appeal
for help would respond readily to the
call from any neighboring town, yet
it is not within the province of the town
officials to order the members of the
fire department to do regular fire duty
outside of the town limits.Many of the firemen are mechanics and clerks
whose employers permit their absence
in case of a fire within the town limits,
but would doubtless object to any
extension of the leave of absence such
as would be necessary if a part of Bel-
leville was included with the local fire
limits.Again, there is the question of trans-
portation of apparatus, which is a
feature of the local fire department
equipment that is as yet a long way
from perfect. All things considered
then the course for the Town Council
to take is to respectfully notify the
Belleville authorities that circumstan-
ces are such that it is impossible to
comply with the request made by them.

The County Isolation Hospital.

The Committee on Public Buildings of
the Board of Freeholders of Essex
county advertise for proposals for the
erection and completion of the Essex
County Isolation Hospital, which is to
be erected on lands adjoining John street
and Franklin avenue, in Belleville town-
ship. The proposals are to be submitted
to the committee on July 12, at 3
o'clock P. M., at the office of the Com-
mittee on Roads and Assessments, 196
Market street, Newark, and at no other
time and place. The proposals must be
endorsed on the outside with the name of
the bidder, and the work proposed to be
done. The following items are to be
contracted for: Mason's work, including
excavating and laying stone work;
carpenter's work; roofer's and sheet
metal work; plumber's work; steam
heating, power and ventilation work;
electrical light and power work; paint-
er's work; electrical elevators. Propo-
sals may be made for any one, or more,
or all of the works, which may be com-
bined in one bid. The committee re-
serves the right to reject any or all bids,
if it considers it in the interests of the
county to do so. Plans and specifications
can be seen at the office of the architect,
45 Clinton street, Newark.The following petition has been received by
the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield,
To the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield,
In the County of Essex:The undersigned, being owners of at least
one acre of land, and a measured by linear
feet of the property fronting on the existing
public road hereinafter mentioned and de-
scribed, do hereby petition your honorable
body to constitute a sewer, beginning at a point
in the center line of East Street, and running
in the center line of Delaware Avenue, from
thence easterly along said center line of said
Delaware Avenue 300 feet, more or less, to the
center line of Gramercy Avenue, and ending there.The proposed sewer is to be an eight
inch sewer, with all necessary "Y" branches
and manholes.

Dated June 6, 1904.

(Signed) WILLIAM SIMPKINS,
GEORGE L. JONES,
MARGARET FINNERTY,
GEORGE BUTTERWORTH,
WILLIAM BURKE,
HAROLD CATHY.The Town Council will meet on Monday, July
15, 1904, at eight P. M., at the Council Chamber
in the Bloomfield National Bank Building,
Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, to con-
sider any objections that may be filed in writing
with the Town Clerk to said proposed im-
provement.

Suggest a Swimming Bath.

A suggestion has been made by a resi-
dent of East Orange that the stone
building at Wattegass Park be converted
into a swimming bath. The Park
Commission could at very little expense
place the building in readiness for such
use, and the popularity of the breathing
spot would be considerably enhanced.
There is a water course, the Second
river running through the tract, which
could take care of all waste, and if the
East Orange authorities would furnish,
under reasonable restrictions, sufficient
water to fill the tank, the cost of main-
tenance would be very slight.

Downie's Circus Coming.

Andrew Downie's big one-ring circus
will give two performances here on Fri-
day next week, afternoon and even-
ing. There will be a street parade dur-
ing the morning. There will be in the
parade dozens of glittering chariots,
hundreds of horses with richly garbed
riders, bands of music, funny clowns,
and the procession will terminate with
a magnificent steam calliope, said to be
one of the fleetest of the kind in the coun-
try. A paper in one of the places where
Downie's circus exhibited, has this to
say of the performances: "It was all so
good that it is hard to say which
pleased the most. The funny antics of
the clown, the thrilling feats of the
gymnasts, who were equally at home on
the ground or in the air, the marvelous
tricks by the trained animals, and the
thousand and one features connected
with big circus, astounded, amused
and thrilled the immense crowds. One
of the most clever acts on the pro-
gramme was that of Prof. Girard Leon,
in his funny baby elephant act, also his
trained donkey, which made a great hit
at each performance."

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